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1. The Russian destroyers [redacted] left Rostock at the end of December 1950.
2. The S.S. Anjescha Popovitsch (formerly incorrectly reported as "Avapapsa"), is estimated at between 1500 and 2000 tons gross. The vessel is having her furnaces, boilers, engines, (and screws?) removed and renovated. She is also receiving fresh side plates.
3. The S.S. Bruslan, a 4000 ton tanker, arrived in the harbor on 15 January. She is expected to go into dry dock in the near future.
4. The following Russian vessels were undergoing repairs at the Neptunwerft on 18 January.
  - a. The torpedo salvage vessel [redacted] is undergoing a general overhaul. Her auxiliary engines are being repaired at the "Dieselmotorenwerk" in Rostock. This vessel is a former German "A" class "Torpedoboot" [redacted]
  - b. The vessel "Smolig" is to be handed over to the Soviet Navy on 8 February 1951. The work on this vessel is to be completed by 6 February.
  - c. The ice-breaker "AEBHA NONOB" is to receive new engines and boilers. She is to be completed in May.
  - d. The tanker "Erussian" is in the shipyard.\* She is to undergo a general overhauling.
5. The S.S. Bogatir, an ocean-going tug, arrived in Rostock harbor on 24 January. Under her nameplate she has the word "Leningrad" in Cyrillic lower case. The purpose of her visit is as yet unknown.

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6. There are now eight naval minesweepers in the harbor.

They appear to have been brought in for the winter and are undergoing minor repairs, such as changing damaged portions and overhauling engines and boiler rooms. Some of the ships are also receiving a coat of paint. The crews appear to be partly quartered on board and partly in the barracks in the Ulmanstrasse.

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The total number of fish luggers constructed in Rostock since the beginning of the building program has now reached 64. Two were finished in the reporting period. The program is now falling behind as there appear to be difficulties in getting the necessary material. The most noticeable shortages are in iron and steel plates (Blechplatten). The main shafts for the luggers are delivered from Denmark.

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8. Special shipbuilding tools and instruments such as iron and steel borers, are delivered to the Neptunwerft from the Hungarian firm "Mathyas Bakosi" in Budapest.

\* Comment. Presumably the same as the vessel called "Eruslam" in para. 3. The correct spelling is not known.

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